

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mingjun HUANG, et al. ) Group Art Unit: NYA  
Serial No.: NYA )  
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For: QUANTITATIVE ASSAY FOR DETECTION )  
OF NEWLY SYNTHESIZED RNA IN A CELL-FREE )  
SYSTEM AND IDENTIFICATION OF RNA )  
SYNTHESIS INHIBITORS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 8 of this paper.